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going to do anything about them, and the county does something to manage them. We won't even say what they do because this is my question. The county expends, let's say, \$1,500 to do whatever it has done. If I refuse to pay the county, do they place a lien against my property for the payment of that money?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I guess you'd call it a lien. It would go as the same way as a tax. I mean, you'd have to pay it just like your property tax, as part of your property taxes to pay for it. Yeah, that's written in the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but it becomes a charge against my property, even if I don't want to pay the cash. And if I don't pay it, at some point could they foreclose on my property to get that amount of money from me?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, it would be like selling it for taxes. I mean, you would pay that right along with your taxes. I think it would be added onto your tax bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if I paid only the amount that could be shown as my property taxes and I said this other thing you're charging me for getting rid of these prairie dogs, I'm not going to pay that, how many years would it be before the county would take action to sell my land, to get the amount of money that they expended to get rid of the prairie dogs which I won't pay?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I think it would be like your tax title. What is it, five years that you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say five years. With interest...

SENATOR LOUDEN: I'm not sure. I've never had to buy any land for tax title. I've always had to pay my taxes every year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But let's just say five years so we can get to what I'm trying to arrive at. Under this bill, the county, applying the existing law to recover money owed on property, in taxes or other assessments, but which are not paid, those amounts are not paid, under this bill, if the county expended \$1,500 to manage the prairie dogs on my land, after five years